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**The “Friends of San Jacinto Battleground” is now the
San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy**

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the San Jacinto Battleground has announced that our organization has changed its name to the **San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy** effective October 28, 2011. The name change better reflects our mission to:

- (1) preserve and restore San Jacinto Battleground so that future generations will better appreciate and experience the landscape of the place where Texas independence was won in 1836;
- (2) enhance public awareness and education concerning the battle of San Jacinto and issues that affect or threaten the historic integrity of the battleground; and
- (3) advocate for protection and sound stewardship of the battleground.

No other nonprofit focuses its mission exclusively on any of these objectives. We are proud of our accomplishments since we began our all-volunteer organization in 2002 and look forward to continuing our supportive relationships with federal and state government agencies, local governments, area businesses, and other nonprofits under our new name.

Our new URL will be www.sanjacintoconservancy.org

A portion of the battleground, officially called the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site, is owned by the State of Texas under the stewardship of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). We endorse and actively support TPWD’s historic preservation mission as reflected in the Parks and Wildlife Code, TPWD’s regulations, and TPWD’s Land and Water Resources Conservation Plan, but we are not affiliated with TPWD and we are not a TPWD “closely-related nonprofit partner.” We support TPWD by funding archeological and preservation projects that are beyond TPWD’s financial capability and by advising TPWD on preservation issues.

The nonprofit San Jacinto Museum of History Association operates a Texas history museum inside the San Jacinto Monument and the nonprofit Battleship Texas Foundation raises funds for the Battleship *Texas* which is moored on the battleground. The Conservancy is not affiliated with either of these nonprofits, but we support their respective missions.

The Conservancy receives no state funding or income from state-owned facilities at the battleground, but instead relies on the generous support of private citizens, foundations and corporations to support its projects and mission.